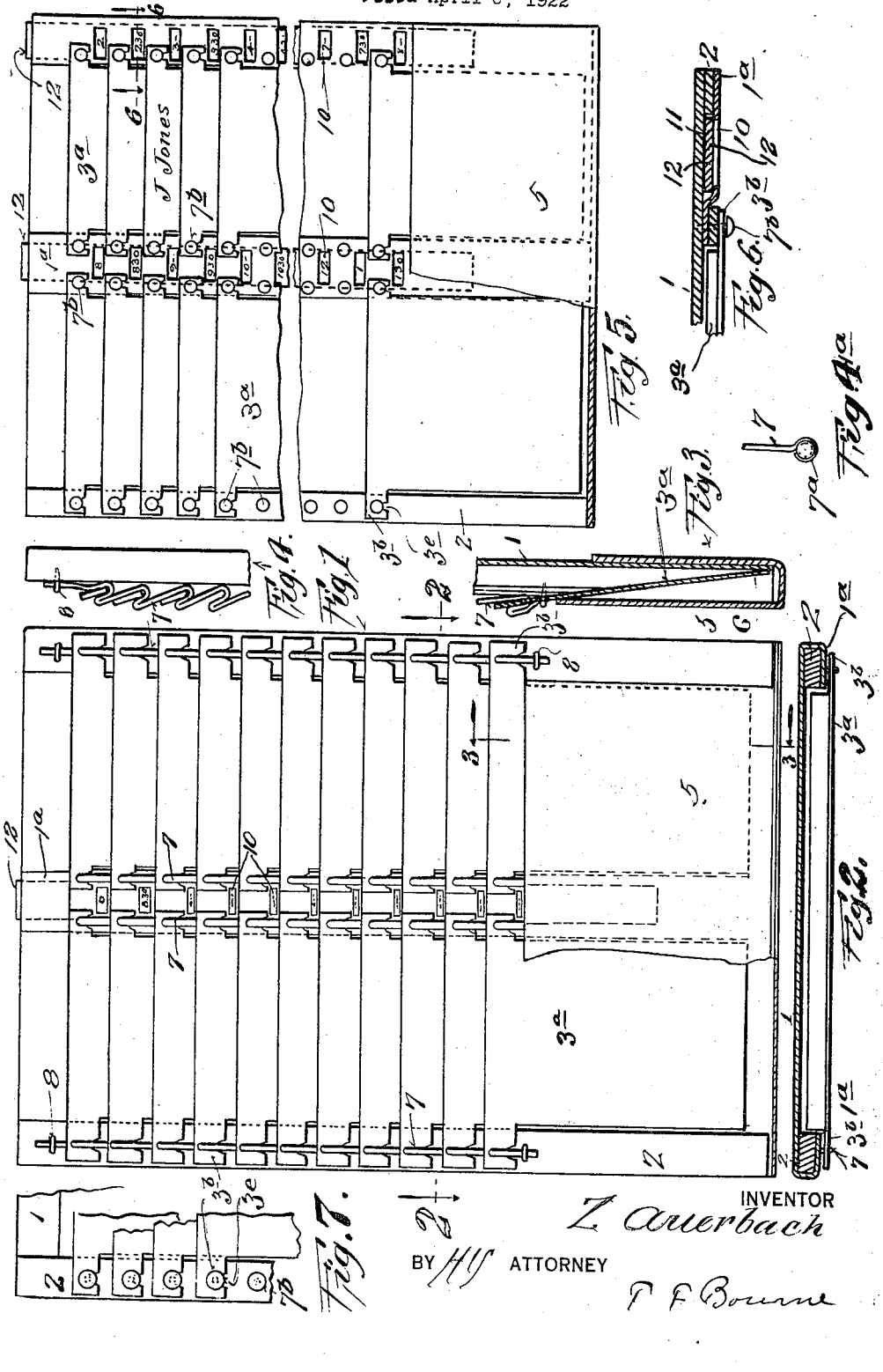
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ZEMACH AUERBACH, a citizen of the United States, and resident of New York city, borough of Manhattan, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Filing Racks, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a rack or holder to receive filing cards, folders and the like, which rack shall be simple in construction, convenient in use, and adapted to contain a relatively large number of cards, letters and the like, within a small compass.

My invention comprises novel details of improvement that will be more fully hereinafter set forth and then pointed out in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, wherein—

Fig. 1 is a partly broken face view of my improved rack in card-like form;

Fig. 2 is a section on line 2, 2, in Fig. 1, parts being omitted;

Fig. 3 is a section on line 3, 3, in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a detail edge view of part of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4ª is a detail view;

Fig. 5 is a partly broken face view of a modification;

Fig. 6 is a detail section on line 6, 6, of Fig. 5, and

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary detail, enlarged, of part of Fig. 5.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The rack or file comprises a body member including a rear wall or sheet of suitable material 1, such as fibre board, sheet metal or the like, having a frame or stiffening means 2 at its margins. The rack may be in relatively deep proportions adapted to contain folders in which letters, billheads, documents and the like may be placed for filing, while the rack is shown relatively shallow adapted to contain cards 3ª upon which suitable data may be applied by writing or printing, such as to keep appointments, memoranda of interviews, etc. In Figs. 1 and 2 the stiffening bars or pieces 2 are shown laid along the side margins of rear wall 1 and the edges of the latter at 1ª are shown folded around the bars 2 to secure and inclose them. The parts described may be secured together by adhesive if the parts are made of fabric, wood or the like, or by soldering or in any other desired manner if the parts are made of metal. The front of the rack is open except that at the lower portion a wall 5 is provided at the front to form a pocket or receptacle 6 at the lower part to retain the lower portions of the lowermost folders or cards, Fig. 3.

At the front sides of the rack are longitudinally spaced stops 7 to support the projections 3ᵇ at opposite corners of the folders or cards 3ª whereby the latter are hung or suspended within the rack. The stops or supports 7 extend along the side bars or pieces 2 of the rack, and may be made by folding pieces of wire in spaced loop-like form as indicated in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4. Such strips of wire or metal may be secured in place along the side pieces 2 of the rack by any suitable means, such as by staples 8, or the wires may be bent in the form of eyes 7ª to receive nails, as in Fig. 4ª. The folded material or looped wires or strips afford simple and inexpensive means to provide the spaced stops 7 along the opposite sides of the rack at the front, but such stops may be made in any other desired form, such as by means of tacks, pins, or the like, 7ᵇ, driven into the side bars or pieces 2, as indicated in Figs. 5, 6 and 7. Corresponding stops are on the same transverse plane on opposite sides of the rack, so that the cards or folders will hang at their projections 3ᵇ in parallel relation, with several cards or folders tucked behind one another, so that their upper edges will be exposed for observation of designations thereon.

The projections 3ᵇ may be provided on the folders or cards in any suitable manner. The projections 3ᵇ may be formed integrally with the folders or cards, as indicated in Figs. 2, 5 and 7. The lower edges of the projections 3ᵇ may be recessed or notched at 3ᵉ to receive the stops 7.

When the rack is to be used the folders or cards may be inserted edgewise therein and their projections 3ᵇ hung upon the correspondingly spaced stops 7, so that several of the folders or cards will extend partly behind one another in a hanging position for ready reference for removal and insertion, their upper edges being exposed.

When the rack is used for appointment cards I preferably provide the web or face-piece 1ª, that is spaced from the body wall

1 by the bar or piece 2, with spaced slots or openings 10 adjacent to the corresponding stops 7 or 7b, and in the space or groove 11 between the parts 1, 1a, I provide a slidable strip 12 upon which numerals are placed to show through the openings 10, said numerals corresponding to periods of time as indicated in Figs. 1 and 5. The cards 3a may be hung upon the corresponding stops 7 or 7b adjacent to an opening 10 indicating the time of appointment for a party to call. The strips 12 may be shifted to change the time indications appearing through the respective slots or openings 10. A single row of openings 10 with a corresponding strip 12 may be located along the middle or a margin of the rack, or several of such series of openings 10 and cards 12, may be provided spaced along the rack, with stops 7 or 7b in appropriate positions to receive and support the cards.

My improved rack may be made in any desired dimensions, of any suitable material for the purpose intended, and will be convenient in use affording means to file or retain a relatively large number of folders and cards in a compact form, since the main portions of the folders and cards will hang suspended upon the spaced stops with most of the folders or cards located behind one another, with only a marginal portion thereof exposed for observation.

My invention is not limited to the details of construction set forth, as the same may be varied, within the scope of the appended claim, without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having now described my invention, what I claim is:

A rack of the class described comprising a body having series of spaced stops spaced apart to receive and support folders or cards therebetween, a strip extending along the front of the rack and provided with spaced openings corresponding in relation to the several stops, and a strip of material provided with spaced time designations fitted to the rack along said strip to show the time designations through said openings.

Signed at New York city, in the county of New York, and State of New York, this 4th day of April, A. D. 1922.

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